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as the respective liability of connecting carriers, the carrier's right to limit liability by an agreed valuation, the termination of his liability, and so on—questions on which the courts have not always reached harmonious results—we should have expected to have received more consideration than is given them, and the difficulties involved therein to have been analyzed with greater thoroughness. The practical character of the book might have been preserved and at the same time a treatment of the subject given that would have proved a decided addition to the development of the fundamental principles of the law of carriers.

As it is, the book must be described as a careful and exhaustive summary and classification of the cases to date rather than as a logical treatise of the underlying principles in this field of law. Its value therefore, is rather to the practicing lawyer than to the student. Consequently it is a book that is not likely to prove a permanent contribution to the development of the law, but rather a source from which decisions may be obtained. As a serviceable statement of authorities it is worthy of special praise.

This is professedly the author's aim, as he states his purpose in treating the subject to be "to furnish suitors with a practical guide in this class of litigation," and we have no hesitation in saying that in seeking to accomplish this result he has met with no indifferent degree of success.

ARCHITECT, OWNER, AND BUILDER BEFORE THE LAW. By T. M. CLARK, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. New York: The Macmillan Company. 1905. Pp. xxxi, 387.

The title to this book well expresses the nature and scope of its contents. The author has realized the numerous difficulties which usually arise in building controversies, both for counsel, because of the technicalities involved, and for the parties to the controversies, owing to their own ignorance and neglect of the legal principles relating to their business; and instead of adding another volume to an already large collection of works on business or commercial law in general, he has devoted his attention to a discussion of the legal status, duties, and liabilities of architects, owners, and builders, and a "summary of American and English decisions on the principal questions relating to building and the employment of architects."

The subject matter of the book has been divided into three sections, the first one of which deals with "The Architect and the owner," the second with "The Architect and the

Builder," while the last part treats of "The Builder and the Owner." Reference is made to about eight hundred cases of this and other jurisdictions, which in addition to being arranged alphabetically are also indexed according to the jurisdiction in which they were decided. Suggestions as to the drawing up of building contracts and various contract forms are also included.

Notwithstanding the fact that the author is a layman and not a lawyer, the treatment of the subject matter is legal as well as intelligible to the non-professional man, and the book will be of interest not only to contractors and owners and architects, but also to the practicing lawyer.

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CONDITIONAL SALES IN BANKRUPTCY. By MAX ISAAC, United States Referee in Bankruptcy. Atlanta, Ga.: Foote & Davies Co., 1905. Pp. xix, 108.

This little book presents a concise and well-considered review of the subjects of conditional sales in bankruptcy, consignments in bankruptcy, sales induced by fraud, practice and procedure in reference to these matters, and appeals. It is a helpful hand book on a perplexing topic, and is certain to prove valuable to lawyers practicing in the bankruptcy court. In view of the special remedies frequently available in favor of the conditional vendor of chattels, provided they are properly utilized, familiarity with these topics is a valuable asset to the practitioner.

About one third of the book is devoted to setting forth forms of use in the various situations discussed.

FOIBLES OF THE BENCH. By HENRY S. WILCOX, of the Chicago Bar. Chicago: Chicago Legal Literature Company. 1906. Pp. 144.

This little book contains a series of pen pictures of imaginary judges possessed of various judicial failings. Fortunately it has not been our lot to appear before judges embodying these trying characteristics to the extent depicted in Mr. Wilcox's sketches, but the essential peculiarities, to put it mildly, of Judge Knowall, Judge Fearful and the others are not unfamiliar. The author's descriptions of certain representatives of the judiciary may possibly be in some measure justified, but the reader will be inclined to think, we believe, that the book is rather satire than dispassionate criticism.

It is promised that there will be further volumes presenting "The Foibles of the Bar," "The Frailties of the Jury," "The Fallacies of the Law," etc.